EARLIER THAN EXPECTED KY.

Cld Steamboat Companies Have Dottled Their Capacities and Several New Ones Have Been Organized-Scattle Crowded With Straugers Fitting Out for the

Sentite, Wash., Dec. 24. The tide of travel has again not toward the North. and steamers sailing from Seattle are crowder, with gold-renkers tound for the Yukar and Khindike. At the regular steamship offices they report Lookings of freight and passengers about of anticipa tions, and in some metances freight has beenri-fused. The general impression among transportation people was that travel and ss would not open up before the middle of January, but it has come with a rush a mouth cartier.

Older companies have more than doubled their capacity, copploying ten steamers on the inner pante, while several new companis bave been organized, with vesselto the number of lifty or more, and cootracts have been let to local shipbuilder for twenty steamboats and twenty-four steam larges entitle for the Yukon River trade, is be completed ready for are on the opening of opring navigation.
Conservative estimates place the number

of vessels of all descriptions to be engaged in the Alaska trade this summer at 100. This does not include transporting schooners, shoops, and smaller craft engaged in prospecting and other business along the Aleskan coast. It is the confident belief of transportation companies that they will be amply able to handle the bushess, although it is anticipated that from 75,000 to 100,000 will outfit in Beattle.

It is estimated that there are now in this city seven thousand strangers who have come here for the purpose of outlitting and getting to the Klondike and Yukon. The steamer City of Seattle, which made

the foundtrip between Seattle andSk iguay in ten days, the quickest on record, brought down three through passengers from Daw son, who left that place on November 1 Up to that time 500 miners had left Daw son for Fort Yukon in order to relieve the food pressure at the former place and to avail themselves of the surplus at Fort Yukon. The supply at Dawson has been largely increased by the slaughter of car tie driven in over the trails,

The weather up to the time of the departure of these men had been comparatively mild, the coldest being 20 degrees below acre. They came through without any frouble. They estimate that they trat eled 900 miles. They went in last July and a coceded in making a good location. and they propose returning about the mid dle of January.

CHRISTMAS TOILERS

Yuletide Not a Season of Universal Rest.

This is for most people pre-emmently a say of rest and good cheer, but to many it does not differ from other days, save in the memories it recalls.

Most people are so very happy today that they have little time to think of that "other half" which goes right on working. orking knowing no creention of grinding labor and experiencing none of the tora if a happy, idle holdlay.

Among the Christmas tollers are the fire men policemen, tuilroad employes, hatel men, telegraph operators and newspaper men. The fireman's Christmas is the same as any other day. Though his loved saes at home are thinking of him and litchildren; to kinging for his presence around the fireside, he must remain at his post, nor fire department are stringent, and no sence, unless he has received his regular ande. If his official leave of absence falls on a indiday he is the happiest of

Still, the chief of the department is in clined to be lenient with his men on Christman, and small refractions which at any other time, would call for rebuke, are

Christmas day is usually a busy one for the Gremen, chiefly because of the numerous conflagrations resulting from carelesslyplaced capilles on Christmas trees.

Among Christmas day workers there are none nore averse to labor on this heislay of holidays than telegraph operators. They are reminded every minute of their workmessages and words of Christman cheer are received and forwarded by their hands and pleasant bome gatherings are hissed and these are things in which they

The daily newspaper worker is harden d to his lack of holidays, and it is so inusual for him to be at home on any day him as a special deprivation to be absent on Christmas. Still the non who writes about every place of life and sees all that is to be seen, is not devoid of sentiment. Companious: Generos Be wouldn't be a good newspaper man if Patriotism Cultivated. he didn't have some sentiment.

Thus it is that the tollers who know

no Christmas work on, always with a men are, with stated times for work and fixed hours for recreation, and the pravilege or keeping holiday with the rest of

SAILOR CARTER'S SENTENCE.

Slaver of Master-at-Arms Kenney Gets Life Imprisonment.

New York, Dec. 24. Philip F. Cartor the maman who killed Master at arms Thomas J. Kenney, on board the battleship Indiana in the Brooklyn navy yard, on June Sc. was today sentenced by Junge Brown in the United States criminal court to impresument at loard taker for life

Where They'll Spend Christmas. Among the department people who will spend Ciristmas out of town are: Secretary Bibe in New York, Postmaster General Gary in Fall imore and First Askistant Postmaster General Heath in Illinois; Mr. Butterworth, Commissioner of Patents, at Thomasaille, Ga.: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip at Chicago. Out of town residents who will be here today are: Speaker keed, Representative Dingley. Senator McMillan and Senator Cullons.

Charleston Yard Force Reduced. Beston, Dec. 24. Owing to a lack of appropriations many of the employes of navy yard, at Charlestown, have been discharged, and the working force at preent is very small. In the equipment de-partment almost the entire force in the sail toft has been discharged, leaving only three n.c., including the foreman. About the only work being done in the con struction department is the refitting of the steamship Lancaster.

The Morning, Evening and Sunday

CULLOM WANTS THE PLACE.

He May Oppose an Interstate Conmerce Appointment.

The President, it has been stated, has promised the place now held by Col. Morrison, of the Interstate Commerce Com-mission, to a person not yet nominated. It is alleged that this discovery was made when ar effort was made recently to get the place for Major Told, of Louisville, Ky. The nominee for the place is said to be Judge Paxson, of Pennsylvania, and that it was made at the request of the Pennsylvania delegation.

If the President has made any such nomination it will be opposed by Senato Cullom and other Hilpolants in Congress who feel that the place should have reve to Hinob, asCol. Marrison, a Democrat, was from that State. Senator Collom has seen the President about the alleged nomination and R is understood claimed the place which is worth \$7,500 a year, for a man from Illinois. Senator Cullom is chair man of the Committee on Interstate Commerce, and can wield a big influence if the nomination be made against his wishes.

SAGE IS HELPING MORGAN

He Tells Why These Bags of Biting Wind.

Weather Department's Cold Stora e Christmas Gift Due to a Presidential Order

Christmas Eve at the Weather Bureau cas as cold as the reception which a man macts when he is looking for a job. The Sage and all his Sagelettes were urling from the windows of the building tags of lang wind-bags of wind as biting as a hydrophobiac dog-bags of wind that would suggest to a Jolar I car the urgency of putting on an extra under

The great refrigerating engine was turn ing out cold-storage and grinding out a blizzard that made the mercury seek the cellar in its home of glass. "Making regular Pierpont Morgan weather?" remarked the reporter.

" replied the Sage, taking a chunk of North Pole climate out of his ice chest, potting a Washington date-line on it, and sending it out to all his subscribers.

"Mr. Mergan is pretty popular with this Administration, and when the President hears it at Mr. Morgan had succeeded in estring the anthracite and bituminous operators together he ordered me to freeze nings up and I'm doing my duty, ain't I?" said the Sage as he stuck his feet in the hot ashes to drive away the frost tite. "Of course there are people who have

no overcosts or undercoats, who have any show or bread and there are little children and fond mothers to whom the cold why a means misery, but then Mr. Mor gan beiged Mr. McKinley in his purchase of the Wint e House and lot, and his little plan I posting coal ought to be encouraged, and best sort of encouragement which the Prosperity Administration head could think of vias to make people want the coal That's how he came to order this little spell of freeze emoup weather. Then again is has other rood features. It will be a breaking in for a great many of those people who expect to make their future esidence within the arctic circle and match the single-standard coin from the earth. Then it will give a chance to those people who spend a great deal of their time n preaching charity, to practice it. Winter not their charfty ideasinto practice. Charf' teels a good deal better in cold weather than to support when mea can sleep in the parks and don't need meat or cold, "Christmas will be a cold day."

CHILD-STUDY CONGRESS

Interesting Gathering of Educator

in New York City. New York, Dec. 24.—Catholic workers and with awake women all over America are interested in the Child-Study Congress which is to be held here December 25 and No. The purpose of the congress is to ascertain what those engaged in the training of chaidren have done or are doing to further the development of the vontuful mind and body. The topics proposed for consideration are those relating to the work of teachers, and will be put ptain to ail. It is expected that valuable suggestions will be exchanged; that these who have devoted much time and study to the practical demands of childhood will give aidful talks, and that a united effort of all creeds will be able to find a consistent program of thought and treatment

on these subjects. On the morning of Wednesday, Decem her 29, at 10 o'clock, the first session of the congress will meet. There will be no charge for admission, and the speakers, who will be announced later on, will receive no compensation. The subjects exted on the first day will be: Relation of Catholic Child to the Parish School; the Sanday school: Confidential Relations to Spiritual Advisor; Practical Instructions Virtues and Vices: Children's Secrets Manifestation of Conscience in First Con feedow: Spiritual Development; Altruistic Tendencies: Heart Areas Fallow as Well as Brain Areas; Environment; Relations to the Family, Teachers, Schoolmates, and Companions: Generosity, Kindness, and

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon another on will be beld. The business trans neted will be discussion; of advantage and denners of country life, large schools mixed schools, training of teachers and competent supervision. The committee on arrangements would be glad to receive suggestions from any who are interest of in the work as designated under the heads given. The congress is intended to repreent especially the "volunteer educational forces devoted to God and our country. Mrs. R. Etien Burke, No. 415 West Fifty-ninth street, is the secretary, Miss Kate G. Broderick, Miss Anna A. Murray and the Rev. Thomas McMillan, chairman, compose

the committee of arrangements. G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass.: Monsignor Thomas J. onaly, of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. J. P. Kiernan and the Rev. T. J. Hickey of hester: the Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, of St. Albans, Vt.; the Rev. M. W. Holland and the Rev. J. H. Contay of Ogdensburg, N. Y.: Miss M. Kettly of the Chicago Normal School: Miss L. A. Reilly, of the Trenton Normal School; Miss J. H. Baird, of Poughk N. Y., and Miss M. T. Karnes, of Buffalo, N. Y., are among the noted people wh will attend the congress.

Pardons Granted by the President Pardons Were granted by the President the following, the offences and terms of imprisonment given: George W. Shepherd, of Iowa, postoffice orgiary, two years.

William Shepherd, same offense, eigh-Samuel E. Dancan, of Kentucky, comterfeiting, eighteen months.

Jurat D. Buxton, embezzlement as cashier. ree years and six months. A. C. Allison, Pennsylvania, fraudulent use of mails, eighteen months.

Hamilton R. N. Norvell, New York, embezzlement of money orders, one year

and six months. Dan Parker, Wyoming, robbing mails, life sentence in Detroit penitentiary.

WIFE AND NEGRO ACCUSED

Remarkable Murder Case in Arkansas Attracts Attention.

INSURANCE COMPANIES IN IT

Mrs. Kettenring Charged With Con spiring With a Colored Man to Kill Her Husband to Secure \$20, 000 Insurance-Allegations of the Woman's Counsel.

Centreville, Dec. 24,-One of the mos emarkable cases in the crimin il annals of the country has just assumed a new aspect and is of special interest to people here is a former resident of Centreville is in colved. Several years ago George Frazier well-known colored man of this town, went West and finally secured employment with Mr. Alexander J. Kettenring, nea-Fort Smith, Ark. One day in June, 1894, Kettenring went to Fort Smith to make arrangements about the sale of some land. He was men by several acquaint ances during the day and was recognized by the officer in charge of the toll bridge which Lettenring crossed about 11 o'clock

which hettening crossed about 11 o closs at night on his return home. His body was subsequently found in a tract of timber about two and a half siles from home and fifty feet from the said. with his skull fractured in the forehead his buggy broken and the horse entangles in the barness, and \$1,000, which he had with him when he left home, was missing. Ultimately his wife, Mrs. Mary A. Ketten ring, George Frazier and another colored servant, were arrested and tried in the Federal court, convicted and sentenced to be hanged in October, 1892. An appeal o the Supreme Court of the United States acted as a stay of proceedings, and the Department of Justice has made a confes sion of error in the case.

This was secured by counsel, Judge O'Reilly, who became interested in the matter about a year ago, and who he w was a gross injustice done to Mrs. Ket enting and her servants, but also allegethat a conspiracy had been made by two insurance companies to bring three to avoid the payment of \$20,000 insurance on the life of Mr. Kittenring, These companies. Judge O'Reffly states, em doyed detective agencies to make investi eations. Finally a negro detective caused nimself to be alrested and contrived to be incarcerated in the cell ocupied of

This detective testified that on the very first night be spent with Frazier the latter confessed that he had murdered Ketten ring in his bedreom on the night of his re-turn from Fort Smith, in the presence of Mrs. Kettenring; that she had promised him \$5,000 and that she would marry him Prezier is reported to have said that early next morning he had taken the body and horse and bargy to the spot where they were found. This is the testimony of the slored delective, but, on the other hand Judge o'Relly claims that all such evi dence was contradicted by facts in the

Frazier was warned that his roomente was a detective, and, of course, would not have conferred to him, and Mrs. Kettenring is a refined Southern woman, wh mid never have made any such proposals to such a typical negro as Frazier. latter on the witness stand emphatically denied ever having confessed anything as he had nothing to confess. Since the action of the Department of Justice the insurance companies have made effor's to compressive with Mrs. Kettenring, havng offered ber \$10,000 and the guarante of it munity from further prosecution. This

she emplifically refuses to consider-Judge o'Reitly says he will force a new trial at the earliest possible date. If states that the insurance policies had been in effect for seven or eight years, and, in fact, bad been reduced. He recounts for the death of Mr Kettenrion on one two theories. One is that the country around Fort Smith was infested at the time with numerous desperate criminal stiricted thither by the knowledge the large sums of money were being paid out to the Indians by the Government agents and that Kettenring may have been into

Another theory is that he may have me accidental death by the breaking of the right rein of the barners. This rein was found broken, and as the horse was spirited, and there was timber on the leof the road, which just at the point had a considerable declivity, it might be mater ally supposed that the horse in running through the woods had killed Mr. Ketten ring. The \$1,000 may have been dispose f in Fore Smith. Under the circumstance ludge G'Reilly says that he is sure of repring the acquittal of the persons in dicted The case in its varying phases has created onsiderable interest here, and every on is anxious to learn the outcome.

HER PASTOR PLEADS FOR HER

Dr. Kelly Asks Judge Kimball to Spare Erring "Mrs. Kellaher."

Mrs. "Annie Kellaher" presented a pitia de spectacle vesterday when she was acraigned before Judge Kimball on the charge of shaplifting at the Palais Royal, on Thursday afternoon. The prisoner showed distinct evidence of refinement and had

Mrs. "Kellaher," who is about fifty five cears of age, was detected at the Palais Royal, by Mr. Ernest Collins, manager for Mr. Lisner, attempting to secrete a small book and two handkerchiefs about her person. When arrested she denied any inexplain how she came into possession of the goods. Mr. Collins' testimony corroborated by Mr. George E. Parker

Mrs. Kellaher, in her defense, said she had made an effort to attract the atten-tion of one of the salesladies in the store in order to purchase the book, but failed to account for the possession of the handkerchicfs.

Joseph T. Kelly, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Kellater is a member, made an earnest appeal in behalf of the prisoner on account of her age and previous good character. He testifeid that he had known her for some time, and she was hard-working and bore an unblemished character. Oth is who know her also testified to her hones;

Judge Kimball, in disposing of the case, said there was no doubt of Mrs. Kella her's guilt, but, considering the circum stances, he discharged her on her per that this was not a final disposition of the matter, and she was released only during good behavior.

It was learned last night that the na given to the police authorities by "Mrs. Kellaher" is not her correct name. belonge to a highly respectable South Carelina family, and came to Washington not very long ago to take charge of ter brother's motherless daugher.

Do you know that you can have The Marning, Evening and Sunday Times-the only COMPLETE newspaper published in Washington-served to you by carrier for fifty cents a month?

INSURANCE COMPANY WOES.

Mutual Life Retircs From Kansa Because of Alleged State Hostility. New York, Dec. 244-After December 31 the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of this city, will cease to do business in the State of Kansas, and has so notified Webb McNail, superintendent of insurance of that State, through its att orney, E. F. Ware.
At the office of the company it was said today that the amount of insurance done in Kansas by the company was perhaps

the time and trouble involved in constant legal struggles with hostile State officials. Business is carried on under a yearly license from the State superintendent. This year be attempted to revoke this license and drive the company from the State. The case was carried to the courts. and the company continued business under the authority of the courts. The company tracts, but will take no new risks. The Travelers' Life Insurance Com

not \$500,000 a year, and was not worth

THE DRAYTON CHILDREN

pany, of Hartford, it is said, has taken

A Fight May Be Made for Their Possession.

Their Mother, an Astor, Returns to This Country and Gossip Is Aroused.

New York, Dec. 24.-Mrs. George Hilig. formerly Mrs. J. Coleman Brayton, and before that Miss Astor, of the great Astor family, has returned to America-Her coming has filled with concern the

friends of Mr. Coleman Drayton, ber former husbard. Nobody has forgotten the Coleman Drayton scandal so painful to all, nor Mr Coleman brayton's manly attitude on that occasion. He was more than really to fight Mr. Alsopp Borrowe or anybody else, and he did arrange one or two sheels.

sake and for hers. When the separation came he retained possession of the children, and since that time be has devoted himself to their edu-

But throughout he protected in every way

cation. It is said that his former wife proposes to take the chi'dren from him. She has re turned to New York, and with the unlimited social power of her mother. Mrs. Artor, bodded her, she means to resume her place in society with her children around er. Her desire to have the children with her is as creditable and as natural as Mr. Coleman, Drayton's desire to keep them.

But there is a complication that worries considerably the friends of both, and of Mr. Coleman Brayton especially. Under the law he may keep the children. They cannot be taken from Jam. But a very delicate question arises, When the separation was agreed up a

and the custody of the children given to the father, provision was made by the mother for the children's education and maintenance. Various sums were mentioned at the time, and usually \$15,000 per year was announced as the amount which was to be devoted to the children' educative-little enough.

Stander is ever ready to rear her hideous head higher than an office building, and the envious and small have not hesitated to talk of the financial arrangement con-cerning the children. If Mr. Coleman Drayton gives them up,

it will be a most heart-rending sacrifice. If he refuses and appeals to the law to give him his rights, he will cause among the standerous much gossip of "Astor

It is not believed that Mr. Coleman Drayton will yield to littleness or notice it, but his friends, who are legion, scarcely know how to advise him.

An Aster mette, taken, it is alleged,

An Astol hotto, taken, it is thegest, week. Deep are saying that the year was from Goethe, says, "Es liebt die Welt das ge out with a big bulge in prices, 140 for men Drayton may well turn the family phrase upon the Astors and ignore gossip, all the remainder of the list. This view and his friends think that he will do so has much attractiveness. Unfortunately it that further urge that the danger of can only be obtained by looking through a reviving the half-boriet old trouble at a certain quality of glasses only worn by "Funding currency, time when a social battle for recognition these people themselves. There is, of MISCHIAA is on, will prevent any legal action for receivery of the children

The matter is the one subject of discussion. society, and from the ethical point of view the possibilities of discussion are, of course, endless.

e knewn shortly. Mrs. Astor, who 'earls New York society and rules it, is a womof great character and determination. It said that if she has resolved to restore the children to her daughter, it will be very hard to turn her from her purpose.

WHITE HOUSE CLOSES TODAY. This Is Due to Recent Deaths in the President's Family.

The White House will be closed to visiters today. There will not be festivities of any kind there.

Owing to the recent death of the President's mother and his cousin, the Christ mas viests will be limited to Miss Barber and Miss Durcan, who have been at the White House for some time. The President and Mrs. McKinley, hav

ing completed the list of 200 to be remembered by presents, have had sent to the lucky ones their respective Christmas

The selection of the gifts was largely the work of Mrs. McKinley, who chose them from stocks sent to the house and by visiting the city stores.

The President has received a Christmus turkey from Mr. Horace Vose, of Rhole Island. It is a twenty-four pound bird.

A RAILROAD LINE DEAL. Illinois Central to Buy a Branch

Road to Louisville Louisville, Dec. 24.-The Elizabethtown News is authority for the statement that the Illine's Central Railroad has decided

to buy from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad the line from Cecilien Junction to Louisville, known as the Cecilien branch, or it will at once build an independent line to Louisville from Elizabethtown. A mortgage lodged for record in the Hardin county clerk's office, places a lien upon the entire line for \$1.112,000, in favor of the United States Trust Company, of New York; and states that it is made for the purpose of purchasing the Cecilien branch, or building an independent line.

Killed by a Fellow-Convict.

Buffale, N. Y., Dec. 24 - Harry King, Chantauqua county convict serving term in the Erle county penitentiary in this city, died this morning fro juries inflicted upon him vesterday by King worked side by side at a tailoring bench. They quarreled yesterday afternoon and Carr stabbed King with a knife.

Saves Hastings Embarrassment.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 24. Gov. Hastings received the resignation of Theodore B Stults as health officer of the port of Phila delphia late this afternoon. It is believed lievek Gov. Hastingsof anofficial embarrass ment, some strong letters and protests having been received against the con-Unuance of Mr. Stults in office-

LIBERAL OFFERS OF MONEY

Christmas Eve Tradings on the Stock Exchange.

Stocks of Local Transportation Companies the Market's Principal Feature.

New York, Dec. 21.-Liberal offerings of money on call were made on the stock exchange this morning, which circumstance gave the decisive trend to the day's trad ing. With the publication of the weekly bank statement, the doubts as to the condition of the banks were effectually dis pelled. The decrease shown in today's statement amounted to \$4,202,000, which leaves the banks' cash boldings still \$11, 523,000 above the lawful requirements. Among other features of the money mar ket was the announcement by a banking house of the importation of \$500,000 in gold. This gold, it is understood, will The market was strongest and most ac

tive about moon, though even then there were spells of stagnation, which became more frequent and pronounced with the course of the eay. The stocks of the local transportation companies were again the features of the market.

Sugar Refining, the Lead shares and American Tobacco were all strong, the latter being bought on the approach of the quarterly dividend period. London bouses had very few orders in this market. Throughout the day the trading was chiefly for professional account.

The market closed dull and easier

New York Stock Market Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co. embers of the New York Stock Exchange 1427 F street.

	pen	High	Low	Clos.
American Spirits	7.4	734	619	7
American Spirits, pfd		18	15	16%
Am. Sugar Refinery				14134
American Sugar, pfd	1123	113	112%	113
American Tobacco	1603		8637	87%
Atchison Top. & S. F.		13%	128	135%
Atchison, Top & S F, pfd		20%	20%	30%
Baltimore & Oalo	14	1414	13%	14
Bay State Gas		434	414	414
Canada Southern	6214	5212	5934	5314
Chesapeake & Ohlo	215	991	21%	2354
C. C. C. & St. L.		34%	344	3454
Chicago, Bur. & Quincy.			99%	100%
Chicago & N. W.			12154	12114
Chicago Gas	97%	97%	97%	9754
C., M. & St. Paul	954	Sist.	95%	55%
C., R. L. & Pacific	90%	914	90%	9139
Consolidated Gas	18255		1924	183
Let. Lack & Western.	157	157	157	157
Delaware & Hudson		11314	11354	11374
Den & Rio Grande, pfd	46	46	46	46
	15	15	15	15
Erie General Electric	224	335	311	233
Ilitnois Centrai	104	10434	100	1003
	56%	5714	5614	365
Louisville & Nashville	12254	133	12015	1312
Metropolitan Traction Manhattan Elevated		100	105	10914
	1085	34%	35414	2115
Missouri Pacific	34%	365	3614	3614
M. K. & T. pfd	35	2614	35	285 %
National Lead Co		5814	9714	9744
New Jersey Central	97%	10715		10776
New York Central	107	21 %	2114	21%
Northern Pacific.	21%			50%
Northern Pacific ofd	5974	-59%	59 9	36%
Ontario & Western	1634	16%	1618	30
Pacific Mail.	30		20	23
Palla & Reading	23%	24	255	
Southern Railway, pfd	37.5	30	32%	200
Texas Pacine	. 31	1134	.11.	1139
Tenn. Coal and Iron	2534	2512	25	45
Union Pacific	2654	26%	2954	195%
U. S. Leather pfd	63	64	CS	6.1
Wabash, pfd	15	1854	. 18	18%
Western Union Tel	80)	1054	2.0	20
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nd most active of the week, and it filler the bulls with jubilation for their Christmas. The lene of the market was bloom wholly due to the bull cliques and manipulative interests in Manhattan and Metro politan, who developed great strength and aggress treness. The tracing was prefessional to a degree almost all day The bulls seemed not to take this far into consideration, however

These confident gentlemen baving taster he sweets of a small victory yesterday will listen to no one who talks of anything ess than a strong bull market all ne d week. They are saying that the year will New York city railroads will be able and willing to continue their game. But there the strong chance that they will be satisfied before next Friday night, and ven maybe now for that matter.

London was very inactive, and the only important news from abroad was that \$500,000 in gold and perhaps made has been dispatched to a banking house here. M. & N. C. & Tr. 5's, 1836-1911.

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Wish Market Co. 1815's 1838-1911. wash Market Co. is: 5 a 1992-311 damand sterling rate is 4.84.3-8 to 1.1.6 which is considerably above the This is evidently a special transaction, as 4.84 1.2, which is considerably above the gold import point. The announcement that gold is on the way, even without any real significance aided, however, in maintaining the flush of Joy among the crowd It also belped overcome the weekly bank statement which was issued from the clear ing hous: on Friday in view of the holiday. The features of this statement, beside the loss of \$4,200,000 surplus reserve, were au increase of nearly four millions in loans a reduction of legal tenders for \$4,500,600 and a decrease of \$528,000 in deposits. These items reflect, of course, the Union Pacific payments and indicate in connection with the similar changes of last week, that the fall of bank averages not only justifies the hardening of money rates in the past fortnight, but would point to some further readjustment of oans as the New Year approaches-

Metropolitan and Manhattan stock is booming. There was an intimation jes terday that the electric roads in the portion of New York north of the Harlem have been acquired by the Metropolitan. The political side of the situation, with regard to both Manhattan and Metropolitan is orged for consideration all day long and far into the beautifully together to far. There was a guarded rumor yesterday and the day before here in Washington that a person very close. to Mr. Morgan, a relative, in fact, was buying Metropolitan in Euge blocks, Luttrying to keep it dark. Everybody in W. sh ngton who ever trades knew all about This relative of Mr. Morgan bought 500 Metropolitan at the high figure yes terday. He said the stock would go to 140 next week, and 200 sometime in the not very far distant future. Washington contributed largely to the buying in these two stocks.

Mr. F. D. Carley has been right in this movement so far. He said last Monday that the low figure had been reached, and that the end of the year would see material edvances. There has been an advance and he, with other bulls, may be right about next week. His message to me last night vas as follows:

"The bears covered a small proportion of their contracts, but not enough to believe them from their dilemma. market will be higher next week. There is a suspicion that Sugar, Manhattan, and Metropolitan will all be on the bulge one of the leaders next week."

of the buils. There is really more founds tion for belief in sugar than in either of the otler two present leaders.

ports for November net earnings increases

\$39,000. St. Paul's earnings for the third week of December increased \$14,000

St. Paul's statement is not a rosy one The people who were talking about its boom a few days ago have very little to say now.

HOLIDAY SALES LARGE.

Trade Review Journals Show Great Activity and Upward Prices.

Ne v York Dec 24.-R. G. Dun's week! The weedly reports show a remarkably large boliday trade, at many points the largest for five years. Foreign trade ontinnes satisfactory, even in comparison with the remarkable record of a year ago when the exports exceeded \$117,000,000 in December. At New York the movement in three weeks did not reach \$2,000,000 and at Pacific ports it has been larger

Wheat exports, flour included, have been 3,698,321 bushels for the week, against 3.568,807 the previous week and 1.545. 443 a year ago, while corn exports for the weet were 4,540,828 buste's, against

1.751.746 last year. Cotton has also been moving largely and has usen a sixteenth. Cotton goods have further declined in prices of bleached. which nicet active Southern competition. reduction of one-ninth in wages, other

Woolen mills have begun buying dome tic woot heavily, as if assured of large business for the season about to open Shipmerts of boots and shoes from the East in December have been 23 per cen larger than last wear. New business for the next season is very small. Buying of leather is closely confined to necess There is a stronger demand for iron and

ta products, owing to possible change freignt lates. Southern pig is offered 25c lower. A feature is the quastral de for the season in building carsstock market has been errotic within has row limits for most stocks, though coal car tiers are especially strong. The average for railways closed 38 cents per share higher, and for trusts \$1.14 higher, Failures for the week have been 292 in the United States against 297 last year, and

13 in Canada against 14 last year Bradstreet's tomorrow will cay "Quie ness in wholeside rines, but pronounce and notable activity in retail trade in been the salient features in this week trade situation. Price changes, which are numerous, are largely in an upware direction. Perhaps the most notable tea ture has been the unanimity with which the trade reports from all parts of the country, with some few exceptions, poin to a very heavy holiday trade. South, New Colemns reports retallers and ing a harvest and December trade larg than usual. Similarly good reports con from Nast ville, Savannah, and Memphis Two decreases, on in lead and the other in Southern pig iron, are to be noted against gains in value on the part of wheat, corn. oats, lard, coffee, molluses, cotton, and last, but not least, Bessemen pig from and steel billets, Wnich are in active demand in the central West. The anchanged list includes floor, pork, beef, sugar, print-cloths, copper, and wool Stocks are strong and advanting unless professional bullish manipulation, the features being New York local transpor to that stocks and the anthracit coal sauze

Washington Stock Exchange. Sules-Capital Traction, 15 at 62 1-4 80 at 62 1-8; United States Electric Light 26 at 98; American Graphophone, 17 at 10. American Graphophone preferred, 100

at 10 3-4. Freematic Gun Carriage, 100 at After call-American Graphophone, 100 at 10 1-8 and 100 at 10 1-4. American Graphophone preferred, 100 at 10 7-4. Columbia Fire Insurance, 112 at 12 5.8 and 200 at 12 1-4. Washington Gas, 30 at 47. Presmatic Gun Carriage, 100 at 45

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Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Floor functive, un-changed—recepts, 11,129 barrels; ex-ports, 66,270 barrels. Wheat strong— spot and month, 99 1-4a99 3-8; January, 99 1-2a99 3-4; May, 96 bid, steamer No. 2 red, 93 3-4a94—recepts, 51,736 bash-cls; exports, 55,991 bashels, stock, 1,307,-185 bushels; sales, 26,000 bushels—southern clear by samule, 94a1,00; do, on grade, s a suspicion that Sugar, Manhattan, and detropolitan will all be on the bulge gain and that Western Union will be one of the leaders next week."

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to even up over the double holiday which had its effect in grain and provisions. There was little trade in December wheat, and no sign of changes in the qualitlarger than expected, at 615 cars, agreest 635 a week ago. Local receipts were 301 cars, and in current receipts and transfers

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